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SUBJECT: GUATEMALA: POST RESPONSE TO GREAT WHITE FLEET
COMMEMORATION

REF: STATE 153116

Country Team members discussed the possibility of hosting a Great White Fleet commemoration event and agreed that no adverse local reaction is expected. However, as Guatemala was not a destination of the original fleet, local knowledge/understanding of the historic event is extremely limited. In light of the large number of normally scheduled port visits Embassy supports the concept of utilizing a pre-scheduled Frigate visit to Puerto Quetzal to commemorate the Great White Fleet anniversary. Post envisions a possible event in the April/May 2008 time frame, to include a shipboard reception, if funding can be provided by NAVSOUTH.

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